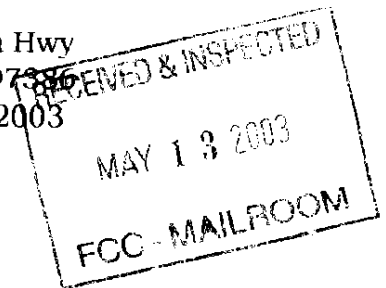


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May 1, 2003



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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554  
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(re: Broadcast Ownership Docket -02-277)

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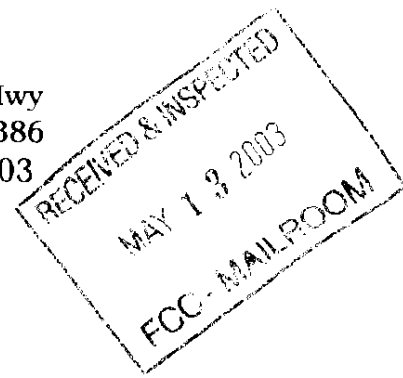
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